

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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AARON DAVID MARKS,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAFETY HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a
SAMBASAFETY,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cv-01815 WBS AC

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STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

After reviewing the parties' Joint Status Report, the court hereby vacates the Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference scheduled for **February 10, 2025**, and makes the following findings and orders without needing to consult with the parties any further.

I. SERVICE OF PROCESS

The defendant has been served, and no further service is permitted without leave of court, good cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).

1 II. JOINDER OF PARTIES/AMENDMENTS

2 No further joinder of parties or amendments to
3 pleadings will be permitted except with leave of court, good
4 cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
5 16(b). See Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604
6 (9th Cir. 1992).

7 III. JURISDICTION/VENUE

8 There is federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28
9 U.S.C. § 1331, because plaintiff asserts a claim under the Fair
10 Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. Venue is
11 undisputed and hereby found to be proper.

12 IV. DISCOVERY

13 The parties' Joint Status Report represents that
14 plaintiff served the initial disclosures required by Federal Rule
15 of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) on October 11, 2024. If defendant
16 has not yet served its initial disclosures, it shall do so on or
17 before **March 10, 2025**.

18 Plaintiff shall disclose experts and produce reports in
19 accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) by no
20 later than **June 2, 2025**. Defendant shall disclose experts and
21 produce reports in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil
22 Procedure 26(a)(2) by no later than **June 30, 2025**. With regard
23 to expert testimony intended solely for rebuttal, those experts
24 shall be disclosed and reports produced by both parties in
25 accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or
26 before **July 28, 2025**.

27 All discovery, including depositions for preservation
28 of testimony, is left open, save and except that it shall be so

1 conducted as to be completed by **August 25, 2025**. The word
2 "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted so
3 that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relevant to
4 discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate order if
5 necessary and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has
6 been obeyed. All motions to compel discovery must be noticed on
7 the magistrate judge's calendar in accordance with the local
8 rules of this court and so that such motions may be heard (and
9 any resulting orders obeyed) not later than **August 25, 2025**.

10 V. MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

11 All motions, except motions for continuances, temporary
12 restraining orders, or other emergency applications, shall be
13 filed on or before **October 6, 2025**. All motions shall be noticed
14 for the next available hearing date. Counsel are cautioned to
15 refer to the local rules regarding the requirements for noticing
16 and opposing such motions on the court's regularly scheduled law
17 and motion calendar.

18 VI. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

19 The Final Pretrial Conference is set for **December 15,**
20 **2025**, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 5. The conference shall be
21 attended by at least one of the attorneys who will conduct the
22 trial for each of the parties and by any unrepresented parties.

23 Counsel for all parties are to be fully prepared for
24 trial at the time of the Pretrial Conference, with no matters
25 remaining to be accomplished except production of witnesses for
26 oral testimony. Counsel shall file separate pretrial statements,
27 and are referred to Local Rules 281 and 282 relating to the
28 contents of and time for filing those statements. In addition to

1 those subjects listed in Local Rule 281(b), the parties are to
2 provide the court with: (1) a plain, concise statement which
3 identifies every non-discovery motion which has been made to the
4 court, and its resolution; (2) a list of the remaining claims as
5 against each defendant; and (3) the estimated number of trial
6 days.

7 In providing the plain, concise statements of
8 undisputed facts and disputed factual issues contemplated by
9 Local Rule 281(b) (3)-(4), the parties shall emphasize the claims
10 that remain at issue, and any remaining affirmatively pled
11 defenses thereto. If the case is to be tried to a jury, the
12 parties shall also prepare a succinct statement of the case,
13 which is appropriate for the court to read to the jury.

14 VII. TRIAL SETTING

15 The jury trial is set for **February 24, 2026** at 9:00
16 a.m. The parties estimate that the trial will last 2 to 3 days.

17 VIII. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

18 A Settlement Conference with a magistrate judge will be
19 set at the time of the Pretrial Conference. Counsel are
20 instructed to have a principal with full settlement authority
21 present at the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to
22 settle the matter on any terms. At least seven calendar days
23 before the Settlement Conference counsel for each party shall
24 submit a confidential Settlement Conference Statement for review
25 by the settlement judge. The Settlement Conference Statements
26 shall not be filed and will not otherwise be disclosed to the
27 trial judge.

IX. MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULING ORDER

Any requests to modify the dates or terms of this Scheduling Order, except requests to change the date of the trial, may be heard and decided by the assigned Magistrate Judge. All requests to change the trial date shall be heard and decided only by the undersigned judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 29, 2025



WILLIAM B. SHUBB
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE